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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the above identified application are copies of the following references listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Applicants assert that nothing herein is intended to be construed as an admission as to whether a document constitutes prior art against the present application. Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131, 1.132 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art". Applicants have provided these references to comply with their duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

Copies of the following patent applications are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98 (a) (2) (iii) and MPEP 609 (D). Applicants respectfully request consideration of these documents in this application.

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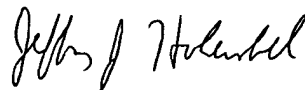
1. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/939,282, Implantable Article and Method, filed August 24, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. AMS-003).

2. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/917,443, Sling Delivery System and Method of Use, filed July 27, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. AMS-010).

This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Thus, no fee is believed due for this submission.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures